

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A console for use in a vehicle having a vehicle system controlled by a user, the
2 console comprising:

3 a base coupled to the vehicle;
4 a control module operatively coupled to the vehicle system and movably
5 coupled to the base; and

6 at least one component coupled to by the base,
7 wherein the control module is configured to move between a first position
8 wherein the least one component is at least partially concealed by the control module and a
9 second position wherein the at least one component is accessible to the user.

1 2. The console of claim 1, wherein the control module comprises a user interface
2 configured to allow the user to control the vehicle system.

1 3. The console of claim 2, wherein the control module is electrically coupled to
2 the vehicle system and controls the vehicle system with an electrical signal.

1 4. The console of claim 3, wherein the control module controls the vehicle
2 system without a mechanical linkage.

1 5. The console of claim 4, wherein the vehicle system is a transmission and the
2 control module is a transmission control assembly, wherein the transmission control assembly
3 comprises:

4 a support structure movably coupled to the base; and
5 a user interface supported by the support structure and configured to allow a
6 user to control the gear selection of the vehicle transmission,
7 wherein user interface is electrically coupled to the vehicle transmission.

1 6. The console of claim 1, wherein the control module is slidably coupled to the
2 base and adapted for translational movement in a fore and aft direction of the vehicle.

1 7. The console of claim 6, wherein the control module is configured to slide in a
2 curvilinear manner corresponding to the shape of the base.

1 8. The console of claim 1, wherein the control module is rotatably coupled the
2 base and adapted for rotating between the first position and the second position.

1 9. The console of claim 8, further comprising a hinge for pivotally coupling the
2 control module to the base, and positioned to allow the control module to be rotated away
3 from the user.

1 10. The console of claim 1, wherein the control module is at least partially
2 concealed when moved into at least one of the first position or the second position.

1 11. The console of claim 1, wherein the control module can be selectively locked
2 in at least one of the first position or the second position.

1 12. The console of claim 1, wherein the at least one component comprises at least
2 one of a storage receptacle or a vehicle control.

1 13. The console of claim 1, wherein the base is movably coupled to the vehicle.

1 14. The console of claim 13, wherein the base is coupled to a vehicle seat that is
2 movably coupled to the vehicle.

1 15. The console of claim 14, wherein the base is movably coupled to the vehicle
2 seat and configured to move between a use position and a stowed position to provide for a
3 pass-through area in the vehicle.

1 16. The console of claim 13, wherein the base is movably coupled to an
2 instrument panel located in a front portion of the vehicle.

1 17. The console of claim 16, wherein the base is pivotally coupled to the
2 instrument panel.

1 18. A console for use in a vehicle having a vehicle system, the console system
2 comprising:

3 a base movably coupled to the vehicle;

4 a control module operatively coupled to the vehicle system and fixedly
5 coupled to the base; and

6 at least one article supported by the base,

7 wherein the base the is configured to be selectively repositionable within the
8 vehicle.

1 19. The console of claim 18, wherein the base is movably coupled to a floor of the
2 vehicle.

1 20. The console of claim 18, wherein the base is movably coupled to an
2 instrument panel located in a front portion of the vehicle.

1 21. The console of claim 18, wherein the base is movably coupled to a vehicle
2 seat and configured to move between a use position and a stowed position to provide for a
3 pass-through area in the vehicle.